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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. **Claims 9-12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Regarding claim 9, the claimed program is non-statutory subject matter since it is not a process, machine, manufacture nor composition of matter; nor it is recorded on some computer-readable medium, see MPEP 2106(IV)(B)(1).

Regarding claims 10-12, dependent from claim 9, include same problems explained above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohsuge (Pub No. US 2003/0026233).

For claim 1, Ohsuge teaches a CDMA receiver (Fig. 3, and [0039], line 1), comprising:

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a path search section (1-Fig. 3, and [0039], line 3) for receiving signals (Fig. 3, receiving signals from antenna 2) from a plurality of base stations (multipath, [0039], line 3), and specifying finger allocation (5-Fig. 3, and [0041], lines 1-3) according to delay profiles (8-Fig. 3) of respective branch signals (Fig. 3, receiving signals from antenna 2) received from the plural base stations (multipath, [0039], line 3);

a plurality of fingers ([0042], last line) which are allocated to the branch signals based on the finger allocation specified by the path search section (see connections between 1 and 5 in Fig. 3); and

a rake receiving section (6-Fig. 3) for maximal-ratio-combining the power of a plurality of signals obtained from the fingers, which have been distributed due to their respective delays (see path 4-7-8-1-5 in Fig. 3);

wherein the path search section includes a path management section (16-Fig. 3) to search for paths in response to the branch signals ([0043], last 2 lines), and stores (memory, 16-Fig. 3) detected path information in a detected path table storing area in a memory (memory, 16-Fig. 3, and [0061], last 2 lines); and

wherein the number of paths which the path management section searches for is changed according to the number of received branch signals ([0018]. Fingers are directly related to branch signals. See [0012], lines 1-2. Also see [0062], line 11 & lines 1-end. "Repeatedly performs procedures ..." on line 11 of [0062] imply changes).

For claim 2, Ohsuge teaches the CDMA receiver claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the detected path table storing area, memory area and the address of memory area for storing detected path information with respect to each branch signal are changed

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according to the number of branch signals ([0061], last 2 lines; and [0062], line 11 & lines 1-end. "Repeatedly performs procedures ..." on line 11 of [0062] imply changes).

For claims 5 and 6, they are method claims of claims 1 and 2, therefore they are rejected for the same reason above.

For claims 9 and 10, they are program claims of claims 1 and 2, therefore they are rejected for the same reason above.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 11, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wanda Z. Russell whose telephone number is (571) 270-1796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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